(c) and (d) The U.S. Administration has denied having any hand in the construction or renovation of Pakistani bases or facilities. It has also denied having requested or desired base rights in Pakistan. Gov-. ernment, however, are alert to developments which have a bearing on India's security.

Afforestation Programme

115. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has declared an afforestation programme to bring additional 25 million hectares of land under afforestation during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, how much land has been covered under this programme by now, State-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken to achieve the goal set by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Prime Minister has declared that 5 million hectares of land every year will be brought under fuel wood and fodder plantations.

(b) The area covered under afforestation by now (upto Dec. 1986) under the National Wasteland Development Programme is approximately 3.2 million hectares.. The State-wise and year will be brough under fuel-wood statement.

(c) The following main steps are being taken to achieve the goal of the programme:—

1. Establishment of Decentralised people's nurseries. It is proposed to start a people's movement through small and marginal farmers, schools, women's groups, youth groups etc. Aim is to locate one such nursery in each village or in. cluster of villages. The free distribution of seedlings by State Forest Department is to be gradually stopped to protect the interests of the small decentralised people's nurseries.

2. *Involvement of voluntary* Agen cies:—Voluntary agencies specially women's organisations are proposed to be involved in planning, execu tion and monitoring of afforesta-tion schemes.

3. *Tree Grower's cooperatives:*— These are proposed to be encourag ed so that poverty in village may be reduced.

4 *Integration of Schemes:*—It is proposed to integrate fodder, fuel-wood and small timber production scheme, through various social forestry projects being implemented in rural areas.

5. *Funding:*—It is proposed to in-volve Forest Development Corporations so that Institutional finance may be utilised.

In addition many Foreign-aided projects are already negbtiated and are being negotiated.

Statement

Achievements under Afforestation

(Area covered in 000'hc.)

S.No.	Name of State/UT	1985-86	1986-87* upto Dec. 1986	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	158	130	288
2	Assam	20	31	51
3	Bihar	76	136	212

	2	3	4	5
4 Gujarat		125	110	235
5 Haryana		47	32	79
6 Himachal Pradesh		34	24	58
7 Jammu & Kashmir		23	11	34
8 Karnataka		127	114	241
9 Kerala		58	76	134
10 Madhya Pradesh		175	196	371
11 Maharashtra		108	117	225
12 Manipur		6	7	13
13 Meghalaya		7	8	15
14 Nagaland			20	33
15 Orissa		13 *96*	98	194
16 Punjab		30	25	55
17 Rajasthan ..		48	62	110
18 Sikkim		4	6	10
19 Tamil Nadu		61	76	137
20 Tripura		10	13	23
21 Uttar Pradesh		177	243	420
22 West Bengal		56	68	124
23 A &N Islands		5	5	10
24 Arunachal Pradesh		5	1	
25 Chandigarh		neg.	neg.	
26 Delhi		1	2	3
27 Dadra & Nagar Haveli		2	2	4
28 Goa, Daman & Diu		2	3	
29 Lakshdweep		neg.	neg.	
30 Mizoram		35	64	99
31 Pondicher	TOTAL	1	neg.	1
		1510	1680	3190

Achievements are as per Ministry of Programme Implementation's Dec. Report.